

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

UNSAFE HEARING BOARD

JULY 20, 2021

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Unsafe Hearing Board of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Brad Berkemeier, and Phil King answered roll call.

PUBLIC HEARING: 927 South Donald – Code Director Jenkins passed out documents for the record. The owner, Reno Gosser, was present along with his daughter, Diana Gosser. Jenkins said the hearing was properly noticed. This property was to be placed on the blight program, but didn't make it. He stated that it is a fire hazard. There are holes in the roof and it is not suitable for human habitation. Diana Gosser said they are in the process of listing the property for sale and asked for a 60 day extension to try to get it sold. Gosser stated that they are selling the property with the knowledge that the house must be torn down. Jenkins said that the order will be recorded and there is also a statement in the order that if sold the building must be torn down. If it doesn't sell the Gosser's will remove the house. Cameron made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING: 326 North Spencer – Jenkins passed out documentation for the record. He said notice was sent to 5 people. Title work has been completed. The house has been vacant since 2017 and has not had any water service since that time. The City has been mowing the property. We have had Issues with this property since 2006. It is blighted and is not suitable for human habitation. Jenkins did not receive any response from the owner. One certified letter came back unable to deliver. Cameron moved to close the public hearing. McGowan seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: McGowan moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **140 E 2nd** – They should hear something regarding the historical grant by the 23rd or 25th.
2. **332 North Perkins** – Demolition is scheduled.

3. **927 S Donald** – Cameron made a motion to affirm the order and give the owner 60 days to sell or remove the structure. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **326 N Spencer** – Berkemeier moved to affirm the order. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Authority of Code Enforcement – Fumigation – Standard Procedure Development** – The matter of dealing with bed bugs was tabled at the last meeting. Jenkins said he is not a bug guy and is not qualified to assess properties. These issues are mainly with multi-family residences. The Health Department does not help with bed bugs. Jenkins said he always sends notice to the owner and the resident before inspecting. Pavey suggesting making a compromise and allow a professional to assess the property and if something is found we can act immediately. Terminx said they would not charge to assess the properties, but it may not be done in a timely manner. Cameron made a motion to have Jenkins engage with a termination service to assess if there are bed bugs based on a complaint and a finding will be sent from the company. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Research into Requirements Contractor and Property Owner Sidewalks** – Cameron will help create the documents.
 - a. Permits Curb Cuts -
 - b. Inspections and Releases -
7. **City Tree Board 98.15 and 98.03 (Revised Appointment Terms) - Ordinance 2021-24** – Mayor Pavey said he will lean on Cameron to help set standards. Our current policy is very basic. Berkemeier moved to give Council a favorable recommendation to approve Ordinance 2021-24. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.